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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

In response to the Final Rejection contained in the Office Communication mailed 5/16/2003, the applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks in connection with the above-identified application. Entry of this paper is requested under 37 CFR 1.116 to place the application in condition for allowance, or in the alternative, to present the claims in better form for consideration on appeal.